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For: AQUATIC PASSIVE SAMPLING  
DEVICE AND METHODS FOR ITS  
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute lines 21-29 on page 30, and lines 1-16 on page  
31 with the following:

Depending upon the particular solid receiving phase chosen and  
the pre-treatment applied to it before use, it is possible for the device to be  
custom-adapted for monitoring one or more analytes at a time. Hence,  
the solid receiving phase may comprise a chromatographic and/or  
chelating phase that has been treated with an agent for complexing or  
chelating the chosen analyte(s), such as metallic species. For example, if

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